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I have been informed that the town of Nuevo Morelos, of about 800 inhabitants, has been almost entirely depopulated by the epidemic.

On September 8 I removed a sailor from the American schooner *Alverda S. Elzey* to the city hospital, with temperature 38.9°; proved to be yellow fever and is still under treatment; the *Elzey* was fumigated on the 10th, and cleared for New Orleans via Frontera on the 13th.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

##### *Report from Manila—Cholera, plague, and smallpox in Manila—Cholera in the provinces—Quarantine transactions.*

Assistant Surgeon Heiser, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports, August 18 and 20, as follows:

During the week ended August 8, 1903, cholera and plague were reported in Manila as follows:

Cholera: Cases, 12; deaths, 8. Plague: Cases, 2; deaths, 2.

Cholera: cases, 20; deaths, 16; smallpox: cases, 1; deaths, 1; plague: cases, 4; deaths, 4.

##### *Cholera outbreak at Mariveles—Recurrence at Iloilo.*

The cholera situation in Manila has remained about the same up to the commencement of the week covered by this report. There have been 20 cases and 16 deaths for the week ended August 15, 1903. That the infection is still virulent and ready to make its appearance whenever a favorable opportunity presents itself was well shown during the week. At Bilibid prison, where elaborate precautions obtain and the inmates can be controlled, 6 cases suddenly developed. After a thorough investigation it was finally decided that some dried fish, which were probably eaten without cooking, were responsible for the outbreak. The issue of fish was stopped and no further cases have been reported. Some of the suspected fish were sent to the laboratory for bacteriological examination, and the outcome is being awaited with interest.

It is with much regret that I report that 5 cases of cholera have occurred at the village of Mariveles. Notwithstanding the constant proximity to cholera, this is the first time the village has been infected since the outbreak of the disease in the islands. During the week the village had an increase in its population of about 300 persons, who were brought there when the army moved its coaling station to Mariveles. The preliminary investigation shows that the cholera was not contracted from the quarantine station. Since the outbreak in the village of Mariveles also affects the quarantine station, Assistant Surgeon Long has been detailed to investigate the matter thoroughly. The board of health has appointed him a temporary health inspector, so that he is vested with full authority. The result of the investigation will be reported in my next report.

Cholera has again made its appearance in Iloilo, having probably come overland from Capiz. The number of cases up to the present time has not been alarming. The cholera situation at Cebu has improved so much that outgoing quarantine detention was dispensed with on August 10, 1903.

The situation in the remainder of the islands is about the same.

*Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended August 8, 1903.*

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
San Ildefonso.....	Bulacan.....	8	4
San Rafael.....	do.....	1	0
San Miguel de Mayumo.....	do.....	0	1
Obando.....	do.....	2	1
Hagonoy.....	do.....	1	1
San Mateo.....	Rizal.....	6	4
Dagupan.....	Pangasinan.....	41	28
Bautista.....	do.....	26	17
Bayambang.....	do.....	79	67
Mangataren.....	do.....	21	7
Calasiao.....	do.....	162	92
Malasiqui.....	do.....	107	96
Alcala.....	do.....	72	31
Lingayen.....	do.....	50	41
Cuyapo.....	Nueva Ecija.....	25	20
Carranglan.....	do.....	1	0
San Juan de Guimba.....	do.....	12	12
Santa Cruz.....	Laguna.....	8	1
San Francisco de Malabon.....	Cavite.....	2	1
Camalaniugan.....	Cagayan.....	23	11
Camiling.....	Tarlac.....	20	24
Gerona.....	do.....	1	1
Moncada.....	do.....	36	21
Paniqui.....	do.....	17	12
Tarlac.....	do.....	1	0
Anao.....	do.....	14	8
Concepcion.....	do.....	1	2
Pura.....	do.....	23	8
San Felipe.....	Zambales.....	18	10
Botolan.....	do.....	3	3
Iba.....	do.....	4	4
Cabangan.....	do.....	1	1
Palaiug.....	do.....	6	8
Guinobatan.....	Albay.....	3	3
Albay.....	do.....	1	1
Daraga.....	do.....	1	1
Tacloban.....	Island of Leyte.....	2	2
Baybay.....	do.....	26	24
Ormoc.....	Islands of Leyte and Panay.....	10	10
Iloilo.....	Province of Iloilo.....	21	18
Capiz.....	Province of Capiz.....	6	7
Panay.....	do.....	10	2
San Jose de Buenavista.....	Province of Antique.....	46	38
Bugason.....	do.....	23	11
Dao.....	do.....	3	2
Antique.....	do.....	27	24
Patnongon.....	do.....	21	17
Tanuan.....	do.....	28	9
Ilog.....	Island of Negros.....	6	3
Cabancalan.....	do.....	11	5
La Castellano.....	do.....	3	3
San Carlos.....	do.....	38	32
Surigao.....	Island of Mindanao.....	.....	.....
Cagayan.....	Province of Surigao.....	3	3
Mambajao.....	Province of Misamis.....	0	1
Tagoloan.....	do.....	21	17
Salvador.....	do.....	3	4
Catarman.....	do.....	18	14
Agusan.....	do.....	11	4
.....	do.....	1	1
Total.....	.....	1, 135	793

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Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
San Ildefonso .....	Bulacan .....	4	2
Meycauayan .....	do .....	1	0
San Miguel de Mayumo .....	do .....	2	1
Malolos .....	do .....	2	2
Hagonoy .....	do .....	2	2
Botolan .....	do .....	2	1
Cabangan .....	do .....	1	1
San Mateo .....	Rizal .....	1	1
Montalbon .....	do .....	2	2
Dagupan .....	Pangasinan .....	15	9
Bautista .....	do .....	9	9
Bayambang .....	do .....	52	40
Calasiao .....	do .....	101	55
Mangataren .....	do .....	5	1
Malasiqui .....	do .....	67	53
Alcala .....	do .....	41	27
Lingayen .....	do .....	43	26
San Juan .....	Nueva Ecija .....	13	13
Cuyapo .....	do .....	24	15
Jaen .....	do .....	1	1
San Pablo .....	Laguna .....	4	4
Santa Cruz .....	do .....	16	10
San Panto .....	do .....	4	2
Lucena .....	Tayabas .....	3	2
Camiling .....	Tarlac .....	21	15
Victoria .....	do .....	1	1
Moncada .....	do .....	22	14
Paniqui .....	do .....	6	7
Anao .....	do .....	13	4
Concepcion .....	do .....	3	2
Pura .....	do .....	4	2
San Jose de Bocboc .....	Batangas .....	75	75
San Felipe .....	Zambales .....	1	1
Iba .....	do .....	2	2
Cabangan .....	do .....	0	4
Palauig .....	do .....	1	4
Tabaco .....	Albay .....	1	1
Guinobatan .....	do .....	3	3
Cebu .....	Island of Cebu .....	27	25
Baybay .....	Island of Leyte .....	17	16
Ormoc .....	do .....	11	11
Catbalogan .....	Island of Samar .....	5	5
Iloilo .....	Island of Panay .....		
Capiz .....	Province of Iloilo .....		
Panay .....	Province of Capiz .....	19	15
Tagoloan .....	do .....	12	10
San Jose de Buenavista .....	Province of Antique .....	2	2
Bugason .....	do .....	10	8
Antique .....	do .....	7	5
Dao .....	do .....	63	48
Tanuan .....	do .....	8	5
Palanonga .....	do .....	7	2
Gaintas .....	do .....	15	5
Guinigan .....	do .....	6	6
Snay .....	Island of Negros .....	4	4
San Enrique .....	do .....	27	12
La Carlota .....	do .....	7	18
Cabancalan .....	do .....	92	52
San Carlos .....	do .....	2	2
Cabalin .....	do .....	6	3
Surigao .....	Island of Mindanao .....	2	2
Oroquieta .....	Province of Surigao .....	8	4
Salvador .....	Province of Misamis .....	2	1
Misamis .....	do .....	19	14
Total .....	do .....	1	1
Total .....		856	699